(1) Control:

Scale insects are more difficult to control as they become older and larger, and also where the infestation builds up severely. Gardeners are urged to make frequent inspections of their plants and to make thorough spray applications when the scales are still in the young stages and before populations become large. Often, the presence of a scale infestation is not noticed because many scales are found primarily on the undersides of leaves. Be sure to examine these areas carefully.

Meta-Systox-R is a systemic insecticide that is effective against many kinds of scale insects. Mix 1½ to 2 teaspoons of 25% Meta-Systox-R emulsifible concentrate in one gallon of water to make up the spray. Make 2 or 3 applications at intervals of 2 to 3 weeks. Some varieties of hibiscus may be slightly damaged by Meta-Systox-R and show chlorosis and/or necrosis of leaves. Information supplied by Chemagro Corporation based on test conducted by the Monrovia Nursery Company, Azusa,

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Summer Oil Emulsion sprays for use on foliage are old favorites for scale insect control and have very little toxicity to persons handling them. They have been used less since the advent of newer scalicides; however, because the oil emulsion may injure ornamental plants if the oil sprays are on the foliage during periods of very hot (above 85°) or cold (below 40°) weather. Nevertheless, they are effective sprays and can be used during moderate weather in spring and fall. Use 4 tablespoons of the oil emulsion concentrate per gallon of water to make up the sprays. Such full concentration sprays of oil emulsion should not be put

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